

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad comprising a polishing part made of a composition comprising a water-insoluble matrix and water-soluble particles dispersed in said water-insoluble matrix,

wherein said water-insoluble matrix ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of a crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and a polyolefinic resin ~~which~~ other than an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer that is uncrosslinked or crosslinked, and does not contain crosslinked 1,2-polybutadiene and the content of said crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is 10% by weight or more based on 100% by weight of the total of said water-insoluble matrix.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad comprising a polishing part made of a composition comprising a composition obtained by subjecting a crosslinkable polymer composition to ~~be~~ a crosslinking treatment to form a water-insoluble matrix ~~comprising an uncrosslinked~~ consisting essentially of a cross-linkable water-insoluble polymer and a polyolefinic resin ~~which~~ other than an ethylene-vinylacetate copolymer that is uncrosslinked or crosslinked and water-soluble particles dispersed in the crosslinkable polymer composition ~~to a crosslinking treatment~~,

wherein said ~~uncrosslinked~~ crosslinkable water-insoluble polymer comprises uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and does not comprise uncrosslinked 1,2-polybutadiene; the content of said uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer being 10%

by weight or more based on 100% by weight of the ~~material to be the~~ total of said water-insoluble matrix; and at least part of said uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is crosslinked by said crosslinking treatment.

Claims 15-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad according to Claim 14 wherein ~~the content of~~ said uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is 30 to 70% and ~~of the~~ polyolefinic resin ~~which~~ that is uncrosslinked is 30-70% of the material ~~to be~~ forming the water-insoluble matrix.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad comprising a polishing part made of a composition comprising a water-insoluble matrix and water-soluble particles dispersed in said water-insoluble matrix,

wherein said water-insoluble matrix consists essentially of ~~at least~~ partly crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and a polyethylene, and does not contain crosslinked 1,2-polybutadiene; and the content of said crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is 10% by weight or more based on 100% by weight of the total of said water-insoluble matrix.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A polishing pad according to Claim 27 wherein the water-soluble particles are cyclodextrin particles.

Claims 30-32 (Canceled)

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): A polishing pad according to Claim 14 wherein the polyolefinic resin component of the composition to be subjected to said cross-linking treatment is uncrosslinked polyolefinic resin.